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a method of adding a monoglycidyl ester compound thereto; and JP-A 52344/1983 discloses a method of adding a glycidyl ester compound and a glycidyl ether compound thereto. However, these methods are all still problematic in that the hydrolysis resistance of the resulting polyesters is not so good and the viscosity in their melts is increased. USP 4,229,553, JP-B 47804/1988, JP-A 287657/1991, US-A 5,026,790, JP-A 287419/1994, JP-A 222279/1993 (US-A 5,596,049), JP-B 47685/1995 (US-A 5,300,546) and USP 5,731,390 disclose a method of adding an epoxy compound to a polyester and further adding thereto an additive that serves as a catalyst. However, when an epoxy compound is merely combined with a specific catalyst for the additive to a polyester, as in US-A 4,229,553, JP-B 47804/1988, JP-A 287657/1991, US-A 5,026,790 and JP-A 287419/1994, it could not still produce satisfactory results. When a single, specific epoxy compound is, combined with a catalyst, added to a polyester, as in JP-A 222279/1993 (US-A 5,596,049), JP-B 47685/1995 (US-A 5,300,546) and USP 5,731,390, the carboxyl end group content of the resulting polyesters decreases and the hydrolysis resistance thereof therefore increases, but the results are not still satisfactory. In addition, the polyesters

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disclosed involve another problem in that they give much gas emission when processed or used, and they bleed out when their moldings are hydrolyzed. At present, no one has achieved satisfactory methods for improving polyester.--

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to identify certain of the cited prior art publications by their correct U.S. patent numbers. The original specification incorrectly identified U.S. Patents corresponding to JP-A 222279/1993 and JP-B 47685/1995, as both US-A 5,026,790. The correct U.S. patents are Nos. 5,596,049 and 5,300,546, respectively.

JP-A 222279/1993 claims priority on the basis of U.S. patent application S.N. 732,188 which is the parent application of U.S. Patent No. 5,596,049 as shown in the cover pages of the publications (a copy of each publication is submitted herewith with an Information Disclosure Statement).

JP-B 47685/1995 claims priority on the basis of U.S. patent application S.N. 732,222 which is the parent application of U.S. Patent No. 5,300,546 as shown in the cover pages of the